

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 2, 1901.

MR. BROWNLOW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To establish the department of commerce, labor, and manufactures.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there shall be at the seat of Government an executive
4 department to be known as the department of commerce,
5 labor, and manufactures, and a secretary of commerce, labor,
6 and manufactures, who shall be appointed by the President,
7 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall
8 have a seat in the Cabinet, and who shall receive a salary of
9 eight thousand dollars per annum; and section one hundred
10 and fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to
11 include such department, and the provisions of title four of
12 the Revised Statutes, including all amendments thereto, are
13 hereby made applicable to said department.

14 SEC. 2. That there shall be an assistant secretary of
15 commerce and manufactures, to be appointed by the President,

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1 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall
2 receive a salary of five thousand dollars a year. He shall
3 perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the secretary or
4 required by law. That when said Act shall go into effect
5 the secretary thereof shall appoint such officers and clerks as
6 shall be necessary for the performance of the duties assigned
7 to said department, and that a sum sufficient to pay the
8 salaries of all officers, clerks, and other employees in said de-
9 partment, until the close of the present fiscal year, is hereby
10 appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not other-
11 wise appropriated.

12 SEC. 3. That the said department of commerce, labor,
13 and manufactures shall have general jurisdiction over the for-
14 eign and internal commerce of the United States except in so
15 far as relates to the collection of the revenue and the admin-
16 istration of the customs and internal-revenue laws; it shall
17 also have jurisdiction over all matters relating to the manu-
18 facturing interests of the United States, including the exten-
19 sion of foreign markets for the same, and the increase of trade
20 and trade facilities with foreign countries; and the secretary
21 of commerce, labor, and manufactures shall have and perform
22 all the duties now incumbent upon the Secretary of the Treas-
23 ury in relation to the trade and commerce of the United States,
24 whether the same be upon land or water.

25 SEC. 4. That there shall be transferred from the several

1 executive departments such bureaus or parts of bureaus as
2 are now performing the various duties incident to the depart-
3 ment of commerce, labor, and manufactures. That the Pres-
4 ident of the United States shall by Executive order make such
5 transfers as he in his judgment may deem proper to carry
6 out the provisions of this Act.

7 SEC. 5. That the Department of Labor, as provided in
8 chapter three hundred and eighty-nine, Revised Statutes,
9 shall, from and after the passage of this Act, form a part of
10 the department of commerce, labor, and manufactures, under
11 the direction of the secretary of said department; and all laws
12 and parts of laws relating to said Department of Labor shall
13 otherwise and in all respects continue in full force and effect.

14 SEC. 6. That all laws and parts of laws relating to the
15 commerce, labor, and manufactures of the United States now
16 in existence, as far as the same are applicable and not in con-
17 flict with this Act, and only so far, are continued in full force
18 and effect.

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